

year, the president, directors and company of the said bank shall transmit eight per cent. on the whole amount of the dividends which shall have been declared on said day and during the preceding year to the state treasurer for the use of the commonwealth, accompanied with a certificate from the president of the bank on oath or affirmation made before an alderman or justice of the peace, of the whole amount of the dividends which shall have been declared during the preceding year, including the said first Monday of November; and if any of the said annual payments be not made within two months after the said first Monday in November in every year, accompanied with the said certificate on oath or affirmation as aforesaid, or if no dividend shall have been declared and made during the preceding year ending with the said first Monday of November in every year by this bank, having been incorporated for six months previous to said last mentioned day, the charter of this bank neglecting to pay or declare dividends shall from thenceforth be absolutely null and void and of no effect whatsoever, and the said bank shall thenceforth be deemed and taken as dissolved, unlawful and unincorporated, except that such bank shall be liable in its corporate capacity for the fulfilment of any and all contracts and agreements previously made and entered into, and shall be capable of compelling the fulfilment of any contract entered into previous to the said delinquency.

Eight per cent. on the dividends to be paid to the commonwealth.

Duty of the bank and the president.

In what cases the charter shall become null and void.

Exception of previous transactions.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LXXX.

AN ACT

Incorporating the first Presbyterian Congregation, in the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the*

Style and title of the corporation.	<p>same, That the presbyterian congregation, in the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton, is hereby erected into one body politic and corporate in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The first Presbyterian Congregation, in the borough of Easton;" and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued in all courts of law and elsewhere, and shall be able and capable in law and equity to take and hold lands and tenements, goods and chattels of whatever kind, nature or quality, real, personal or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, bequest or otherwise, from any person or persons whomsoever capable of making the same. and the same to grant, bargain, sell or dispose of: <i>Provided</i>, That the yearly value or income of said real estate, shall not at any time exceed three thousand dollars.</p>
Rights and privileges.	
Provisop.	
Number of trustees.	<p>SECT. 2. <i>And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid</i>, That the affairs of the corporation shall be managed and superintended by nine trustees to be chosen from the members of said congregation, who shall choose by ballot from among their own number, a president and secretary, and shall also at the same time choose a treasurer from among the members of the congregation, who is not a trustee, and who shall give sufficient security for the trust reposed in him. And in case of the removal of the president or any of the trustees, by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy or vacancies shall be supplied by the board of trustees until the next annual election; and the following named persons shall be trustees until others shall be elected, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, viz. John Green, William Kennedy, Ezech Howell, Robert Innes, Joseph Burke, Absalom Reeder, Benjamin Green, Ralph Tindall and Jesse M. Howell; the first three named persons to continue in office until the second Tuesday in January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one; the three next named to continue in office until the second Tuesday in January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty; and the three last named to continue in office until the second Tuesday in January, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen; on the several days aforesaid, and on the same days yearly thereafter, the members of the congregation shall, at a general meeting thereof, elect by ballot three persons to serve as trustees, to continue in office three years, and likewise at said meeting the congregation shall elect another trustee or trustees, to fill any vacancy or vacancies which shall have occurred in manner before mentioned.</p>
Officers to be chosen.	
Treasurer to give security.	
Vacancies, how supplied.	
Trustees named.	
Their continuance in office limited.	
Future elections.	
Vacancies.	
Manner of conducting elections.	<p>SECT. 3. <i>And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid</i>, That all elections to be held in pursuance of this act, shall be conducted by three members of the congregation, who shall be appointed inspectors at the same place where the trustees are to be elected as aforesaid by the electors then assembled, in such manner as may be agreed on by the said</p>

electors; and the inspectors so chosen shall appoint one or more suitable person or persons as their clerk or clerks, to perform such duties as may be pointed out, and the nature of the case may require.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when each election, so had and held in pursuance of this act, shall be closed, and the number of votes for each person shall be ascertained, the inspectors of the election as aforesaid, or a majority of them, shall thereupon make out, under their respective hands, a return thereof, containing the names of the trustees elect, with the number of votes in favor of each, and shall within two days after the closing of each election, give notice in writing to each of the trustees elect of their respective elections.

Return of trustees elected.

Notice to be given to those elected.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees and their successors, shall have power and authority to make, have and use one common seal with such device and inscription as they shall think proper, and the same to alter at their pleasure.

Common seal

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees and their successors, shall have full power to enact and enforce such bye-laws and ordinances as they shall think proper, for the regulation and transaction of the business of the corporation, to change the annual meetings for the election of trustees from time to time as the same may be found convenient, or if the congregation neglect to elect on the day of the annual meeting, appoint any subsequent time on which said election shall be held: *Provided,* That notice thereof be given from the pulpit, or in such other manner as a majority of the trustees may direct, at least two weeks before said election: *And provided also,* That said bye-laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the constitution or laws of this state or of the United States; and the said bye-laws and ordinances shall be fairly entered and registered in a book or books to be provided for that purpose, signed by the president and attested by the secretary, and published to the congregation as soon as may be after the passing thereof. And the book or books in which such bye-laws, rules and regulations are registered or entered, together with the journal of the proceedings, as well as the documents and other papers relating to the business of the corporation, shall be open to the inspection of any member or members of the congregation, at all reasonable hours, on due application first made to the president or secretary for that purpose, at least three days before such inspection be made, which book or books, charter, deed or deeds, writings and documents belonging to the corporation, shall be in the care and safe keeping of the president and secretary or either of them, and shall, at the removal, resignation or decease of said officers,

Power to make bye-laws, &c.

Proviso.

2d proviso.

How the books and papers of the corporation may be inspected.

Books, &c. to be under the care of the president or secretary.

be delivered over to their successors in office, to be preserved and kept for the use and benefit of the corporation.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED---the tenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LXXXI.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To the act authorising the incorporation of two companies for making an artificial road from Northumberland to Waterford.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the president and managers of the Susquehanna and Waterford turnpike road, when elected, shall have power to commence the work at Waterford, Meadville, Franklin and Anderson's creek, or at any other place between any two of these points, and the payment in advance and upon the completion of any given distance, shall be made on the part of the state, in the same manner and proportion as are fixed by the act to which this is a further supplement, passed on the twenty-second day of February, eighteen hundred and twelve, authorising the commencement of the said road on both sides of the Allegheny river.*

Points where the road may commence.

Payments in advance regulated.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said president and managers, before entering on the duties enjoined by this act, and the act to which this act is a further supplement, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, before a judge or justice of the peace, faithfully and impartially to perform the duties required of them without favor or affection; and that they will use their best endeavors to lay out the said turnpike road as near a straight line between the fixed points, as the nature of the ground will admit; and the said judge or justice shall deposit the said oaths or affirmations in the office of the clerk of the court of*

Oath or affirmation to be taken by the president and managers,

and filed.